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James E. Meredith, better known as "Ted," University of Pennsylvania track star and holder of the world's quarter and half-mile records, who is now a student at one of Uncle Sam's aviation camps, "somewhere in the United States."

NO HINT OF PACIFISM

Farmers at St. Paul Convention Sing Away Disloyalty Stain.

Secret Service Men Smile as Patriotic Songs Roll Out at the Meeting.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 20.—The farmers of the northwest are not pro-Germans or pacifists. They have demonstrated this at the convention they are now holding here, a convention seething with protest and discontent, but not one word officially against the war or any demand for peace terms.

Agents of the United States department of justice who are watching every move made here, they were on hand in force and smiled back at the speakers who railed at them and charged them to find any German spies or pro-Germans in their midst.

The men who are the backbone of the convention are going the limit in asserting loyalty. It is an interesting sight to see the hundreds of hardy farmers on their feet singing "America" at the top of their voices. The band is kept busy with "The Star Spangled Banner" and other patriotic pieces.

Virtually every speaker, after exhausting himself concerning the woes of the farmers and what they consider discrimination on the part of the government, concludes in substance as did Congressman Baer, the Nonpartisan league member from North Dakota, when he said:

"Do not mistake my loyalty. We must stand by our president. We are in this war and we must win. We must stand behind the boys who have gone to France. One thing we should insist on, though, and that is that wealth and not the farmers and workmen pay the cost of the war."

FLOUR FAMINE IS RIDICULED

Master Bakers Told Wheat Crop Will Exceed Estimates—Crop All Late.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Prophecies of a famine in flour and foodstuffs were called fabrications of the imagination by B. A. Eckhart, chairman of the federal food administration's committee on milling for the Chicago-Milwaukee district, in a message to the National Association of Master Bakers, which met in the Sherman hotel. His paper read:

"There is no danger of a famine in foods. The wheat crop will be 33,000,000 bushels greater than the estimates and its quality will be equally as good. Knowing this, it is pure fabrication to say that there will be a famine in breadstuffs this winter.

"Nor need there be fear because farmers are not shipping their wheat as rapidly as the millers would like. There are two causes for this: First, the lateness of all crops; second, the fact that the farmers are too busy to haul grain.

RUSS WORKERS' COUNCIL OUT

Passage of Revolution Proposed by Maximalists Causes All the Officers to Resign.

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—In view of the resolution of the Maximalists, which was voted by a plenary session of the Petrograd council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, demanding that power be assumed by the council, the whole bureau of the council has resigned. Among those who handed in their resignations were President Tchaidze, Vice-Presidents Annismoff and Gotz, and Mme. Skobeleff, Tsereteli and Tchernoff.

RUSSIANS WILL FIGHT TO FINISH, SAYS THE ENVOY

Premier Kerensky Pledges the Nation to Back the War to Victory.

WILL SPURN SEPARATE PACT

Slight Credence Is Given to the Peace Rumors Which Are Again Filling the German Press—Part of Propaganda.

Paris, Sept. 20.—The Petit Parisien stated that Pope Benedict is expected to send further peace notes to the belligerent powers.

Will Fight to Finish.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Ambassador Bakmeteff, diplomatic representative in Washington of the new Russian republic, is prepared to pledge formally that his government will remain in the war against German autocracy until the end.

The ambassador has an appointment with Secretary of State Lansing. It was learned at the Russian embassy. He will tell Secretary Lansing the rumors that Russia will seek a separate peace with Germany are baseless, and probably are inspired by enemy agents.

He is instructed officially by Premier Kerensky to pledge the new Russian republic to make no peace until peace comes to all the world. Ambassador Bakmeteff will also detail to Secretary Lansing the present situation in Russia.

London, Sept. 20.—Slight credence is given here to the peace rumors which again are filling the German press. Advice from The Hague quoted at length from German newspapers, but the peace talk lacked a convincing ring.

It is evident that the German government is going to great lengths in an effort to create dissatisfaction among the entente countries and is trying to its utmost to take advantage of the economic unrest which has arisen in the long-drawn-out war.

Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister, is very active, but there is no indication at this time that his activities will have any concrete form.

Official British circles are convinced that Berlin is preparing public opinion in Germany for another adroit peace maneuver which probably will take effect before winter.

BELGIAN FREEDOM IS URGED

Berlin Socialist Organ Holds That Complete Restoration Is Only Simple Justice.

Amsterdam, Holland, Sept. 20.—Vorwaerts, the socialist organ of Berlin, holding that the complete restoration of Belgium is corollary to the reichstag resolution, declares:

"Whether the German government remains deaf thereto, it is not only a question of power or policy, but justice and conscience. No policy is truly wise that disregards the moral and legal factors in the life of the nations. Despite the howling of the mailed fist politicians we affirm that right is right and that Belgium has the right to its independence."

CHINESE TYPHOON KILLS 600

Destroys 85 Per Cent of Shipping at Amoy—No Foreigners Reported Lost.

Amoy, China, Sept. 17.—(Delayed.)—More than 600 natives were killed by the typhoon which struck Amoy without warning at the end of last week. Eighty-five per cent of the water craft in the harbors nearby was destroyed. No foreigners have been reported lost.

New Loans to Allies.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The treasury department advanced new loans of \$50,000,000 to Great Britain and \$20,000,000 to France, bringing the total of loans to the allies up to \$2,391,400,000.

1,250 GERMANS SLAIN DAILY

Dr. Mathias Erzberger, Leader of Clerical Party, Quoted as Naming These Estimates.

Geneva, Sept. 20.—Germany is losing 1,250 men daily in killed, according to a dispatch from Germany quoting Dr. Mathias Erzberger, leader of the Clerical party. Dr. Erzberger, who is leader of the majority peace bloc in the reichstag, is using the heavy German losses as one of his most potent peace arguments.



\$11,538,000,000 WAR LOAN BILL IS AGREED UPON

Senate and House Conferees Reach Agreement on Credits Measure; No Change.

ASKS GUNS FOR 2,300,000

Secretary of War Baker Makes Addition to Big War Deficiency Bill in Senate—May Need Billion Dollars More.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Agreement on the war credits bill authorizing \$11,538,000,000 of new bonds and certificates was reached by the conferees today, with no change in the issues proposed.

More Money for War Purposes.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Carrying over \$7,000,000,000, the war deficiency bill is in the senate's hands, following its passage by the house without a dissenting vote. The senate probably will act promptly after its appropriations committee, which now is considering the bill, reports.

With the beginning of senate hearings on the bill Secretary Baker presented estimates for additional appropriations of \$287,416,000, principally for ordnance and the engineering service.

"The submission of all these estimates," Secretary Baker said, "is made necessary in order to provide increased facilities for the manufacture, issue and storage of ordnance material; for equipment of an additional half million of men in anticipation of a call for that number; for procuring additional rifles and an additional supply of small arms, ammunition for machine guns, rifle and pistol target practice of an army of 2,300,000; for construction work with which the engineer corps is charged in France, and for equipment of special troops operating in the theater of war in Europe."

May Add Another Billion.

The additional estimates may bring the bill's total up to about \$8,000,000,000. The bill is the biggest money measure in American history. Among the larger items of appropriations are: Shipping board, \$1,749,000,000; fortifications, \$1,495,000,000; emergency funds, \$200,000,000; torpedo boat destroyers, \$235,000,000; machine guns, \$338,000,000.

House and senate conferees on the war tax bill resumed their deliberations with indications that balloting on several important sections would begin before close of the day's session. Agreements reported on a zone system for the increase of second class mail rates and on the passenger transportation, automobile, war profits, income, liquor and tobacco sections are all subject to reconsideration and revision before final drafting of the conference report.

Agree on Enemy Trading Bill.

A complete agreement by tonight on the administration trading with the enemy bill was promised when conferees on the measure resumed work today. The insurance and imports embargo provisions were among the more important questions awaiting final determination.

ROUMANIA DEFEATS TEUTONS

Attack Austro-German Positions South of Grozehti and Occupy Important Heights.

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—Roumanian forces attacked the Austro-German positions south of Grozehti, in the Oena region, and occupied heights there, says the official statement issued by the Russian war department.

From Home

NOT SECRET AID TO DIVERS

Spanish Ambassador Calls False Report That Kaiser Has Base on Mediterranean Coast.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The Spanish ambassador, Juan Lijano, issued an official statement denouncing published reports that the Mediterranean coast of Spain is serving as a base for German submarines.

"The Spanish government," said the ambassador, "has prohibited the use of its ports and the entry into its jurisdictional waters to submarines of the belligerent powers and any belligerent submarine that enters a Spanish port is interned until the end of the war."

RECALLS WRIT TO AID WAR

Judge Gilham of Belleville, Illinois, Gives \$4,000,000 Government Work Preference.

Edward J. Gilham, of the American Car & Foundry Company and the Helmbacher Forge and Rolling Mills reported that an injunction restraining them from running waste water through property adjoining their plants at Madison City, and the only outlet for such water would force them to cancel \$4,000,000 worth of war contracts, Judge J. F. Gilham of the Madison county court, dissolved the injunction.

2 U-BOATS SUNK BY BRITISH

Six Members of the Crews Are Made Prisoners, Says Copenhagen Dispatch.

Copenhagen, Sept. 20.—Two German submarines have been sunk by British naval forces, reports the Bergen correspondent of the Tidens Tegns. Six men from the U-boats were taken prisoner. An armed British steamer in the North sea sank a German submarine which was shelling a neutral sailing vessel. The second submarine was sunk by a British torpedo-boat destroyer while attacking an armed steamer.

NATION WILL NEED ALL SHIPS

Shipping Board Official Says Available Vessels Must Go Into the Army Service.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 20.—Within the next six months the demands of the American army abroad will require that the government divert every merchant vessel, coastwise and others, to overseas service, R. B. Stevens, vice chairman of the United States shipping board, told the war convention here of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

RUSS NAME NEW ARMY CHIEF

Provisional Government Abolishes the Post of Military Governor of Petrograd.

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—The provisional government has abolished the post of military governor of Petrograd and re-established the office of commander of the troops of the Petrograd district. Colonel Polkovnikoff has been appointed commander, with powers to settle questions relating to the food supply and transport.

A committee of about 100 coal operators from East Tennessee and Kentucky coal mining districts have gone to Washington to present data as to the cost of production of coal in this district to Coal Administrator Garfield.

The four hundred and more interned Germans at Fort Oglethorpe have been moved to their new prison barracks, which a squad of the prisoners built.

A contracting firm of Dyersburg has been awarded the contract to build the gravel road from Tiptonville to Reelfoot Lake.

END OF BIG SHIP STRIKE IS NEAR

Labor Department Officials at Washington See Settlement of San Francisco Tieup.

WAR SUPPLIES ARE DELAYED

Piers of Several of the Principal Transatlantic Lines in New York Affected by Strike of Longshoremen—Seattle Hit.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Labor department officials expressed the opinion that there "is some prospect of adjustment soon" of the ship-builders' and iron workers' strike at San Francisco. Their estimate was based largely, it was said, upon a telegram received from W. T. Boyce, assistant commissioner of immigration at San Francisco, who is acting as conciliator. Mr. Boyce reported conferences at night and that he expected to resume them today.

Await Arrival of Hurley.

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Both sides involved in the strike of 25,000 members of unions affiliated with the San Francisco Iron Trades' council for a 50 per cent increase in wages, marked time awaiting the arrival of Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, and William Blackman, counselor for the department of labor, who have been ordered here by the government in an effort to settle the controversy.

The strike began Monday, halting work on government contracts aggregating \$150,000,000.

Confidence was expressed by labor leaders and representatives of the California Metal Trades association, the employers' organization, that a way would be found by the federal mediators to settle the controversy. An offer by the employers of a 10 per cent wage increase was rejected by the workers' council, and the strike followed.

Strike Delays War Supply Shipping.

New York, Sept. 20.—Piers of several of the principal transatlantic steamship lines in New York harbor are affected by a strike of longshoremen, who charge that the International Mercantile Marine insisted upon reinstating a foreman against the protest of the union. About 3,500 men are said to be out, and union leaders declare that 48,000 will be ordered to quit "and tie up the commerce of the entire port," unless the foreman is dismissed. The lines affected by the strike are the White Star, Cunard, Atlantic Transport and the Holland-American.

Representatives of the United States government and T. B. O'Connor, president of the International Longshoremen's union, are expected to take part in a conference here in an effort to end the strike. Meanwhile the loading of big ships with war supplies is delayed.

Want 8-Hour Day in Lumber Camps.

Seattle, Sept. 20.—The Metal Trades council, representing 15,000 men employed in the steel ship yards of the Seattle district, voted to extend financial support to the workers in the wooden ship yards, who are on strike against the use of lumber produced in Washington mills operating on a ten-hour basis. Decision also was reached, it was said, to declare a strike if members of the council are asked to handle ten-hour lumber.

According to officers of the council, their action means that unless the government "succeeds in immediately effecting the adoption of the eight-hour day by the lumber operators the ship yards making steel vessels will be closed within a week or ten days. By that time, it was pointed out, the supply of lumber produced in eight-hour mills will have been exhausted.

MARTIAL LAW IN ARGENTINA

Labor Situation Becomes Serious in South American Republic—High Costs Cause.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 20.—So serious has become the labor situation in Argentina that martial law may be declared. The government is threatening the mobilization of the entire wheat crop—an event that would have worldwide importance.

The high cost of living was given as one of the causes for the industrial unrest, prices being three times as high as normally.

BRITISH LOSE 27,164 IN WEEK

Officers Killed Number 135 and Men Slain 4,755, According to Official Announcement.

London, Sept. 20.—Casualties in the British ranks reported for the week ending Tuesday follow:

Killed or died of wounds: 135 officers and 4,755 men; officers wounded or missing, 431; men wounded or missing, 21,843.

PRINCESS MAUD OF FIFE



Princess Maud of Fife, it is reported, is to be married to her cousin, the prince of Wales. She is the second child of the princess royal and the late duke of Fife and was born in 1893.

BUY MEXICAN MINES

German Companies Pour Cash Millions Into Mexico.

"After War" Conquest Is Seen—One of Few Opportunities for Teuton Investments.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 20.—German mining companies continue to obtain control of large mining interests in northern Mexico and are investing millions of dollars in silver, lead, coal and copper mines, is asserted by American mining men having holdings in Mexico.

The Mines and Metals company, a German owned company, said to have its headquarters in Strassburg, Germany, is preparing to open recently acquired properties at Santa Eulalia, near Chihuahua City, and also at Sierra Mojada, Coahuila.

The company controls a branch railroad as well as a large mineralized district. In Coahuila, the Pinosoles company, a subsidiary of the Strassburg concern, has acquired large land holdings in a rich mineral district and is preparing to do extensive development work at once.

The Mines and Metals company also controls a large part of the Sabinas, Coahuila, coal fields; owns a big smelter near Monterrey, has holdings at Mapami, Durango, and other parts of Durango. This German company's holdings in northern Mexico now equal those of the American Smelting and Refining company, local mining men say.

These German mining activities are not war measures, the American mining men say, but are part of the German government's plan of a commercial conquest after the war and also offers one of the few opportunities for large investments of German money abroad.

MAJ. C. S. RIDLEY IS NAMED

Indiana Man Appointed Military Aide to President Wilson—Succeeds Col. W. W. Harts.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Maj. Clarence S. Ridley of the engineer corps, will be the new military aide to President Wilson, it became known, when he was received by the president at the White House. Major Ridley is the successor of Col. W. W. Harts as superintendent of public buildings and grounds by virtue of which he became military aide. Colonel Harts has been designated to field service. Major Ridley was born in Indiana June 22, 1883, and was appointed to West Point from that state in 1901.

NEW BRITISH RAID SUCCEEDS

York and Lancaster Regiments Take German Positions in Iverness Copse.

London, Sept. 20.—The official statement issued by the British war office concerning military operations on the battle front in France and Belgium says:

"The successful raid against the German positions in Iverness copse, reported in last night's communiqué, was made by troops of the York and Lancaster regiments."

CONDEMN 8,000,000 PRIMERS

Small Arms Inspector Tells House Investigating Committee of Defective Ammunition.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Maj. J. E. Monroe, chief inspector of small arms ammunition at the Frankford arsenal, testified before the house investigating committee that 8,000,000 cartridge primers had been condemned since the defective primers had been discovered in the arsenal's output.